

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 19, 2005 has been reviewed and the following remarks have been made in consequence thereof.

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1-16 are objected to. Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, and 16 have been amended. No new matter has been added.

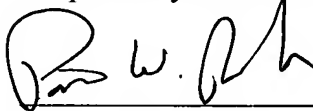
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The objections to Claims 1-16 is respectfully traversed. Applicants have amended Claims 1, 3, 8, 9, 11, and 16. Claims 2, and 4-7 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 1. Moreover, Claims 10 and 12-15 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 9. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objection to Claims 1-16 be withdrawn.

Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,



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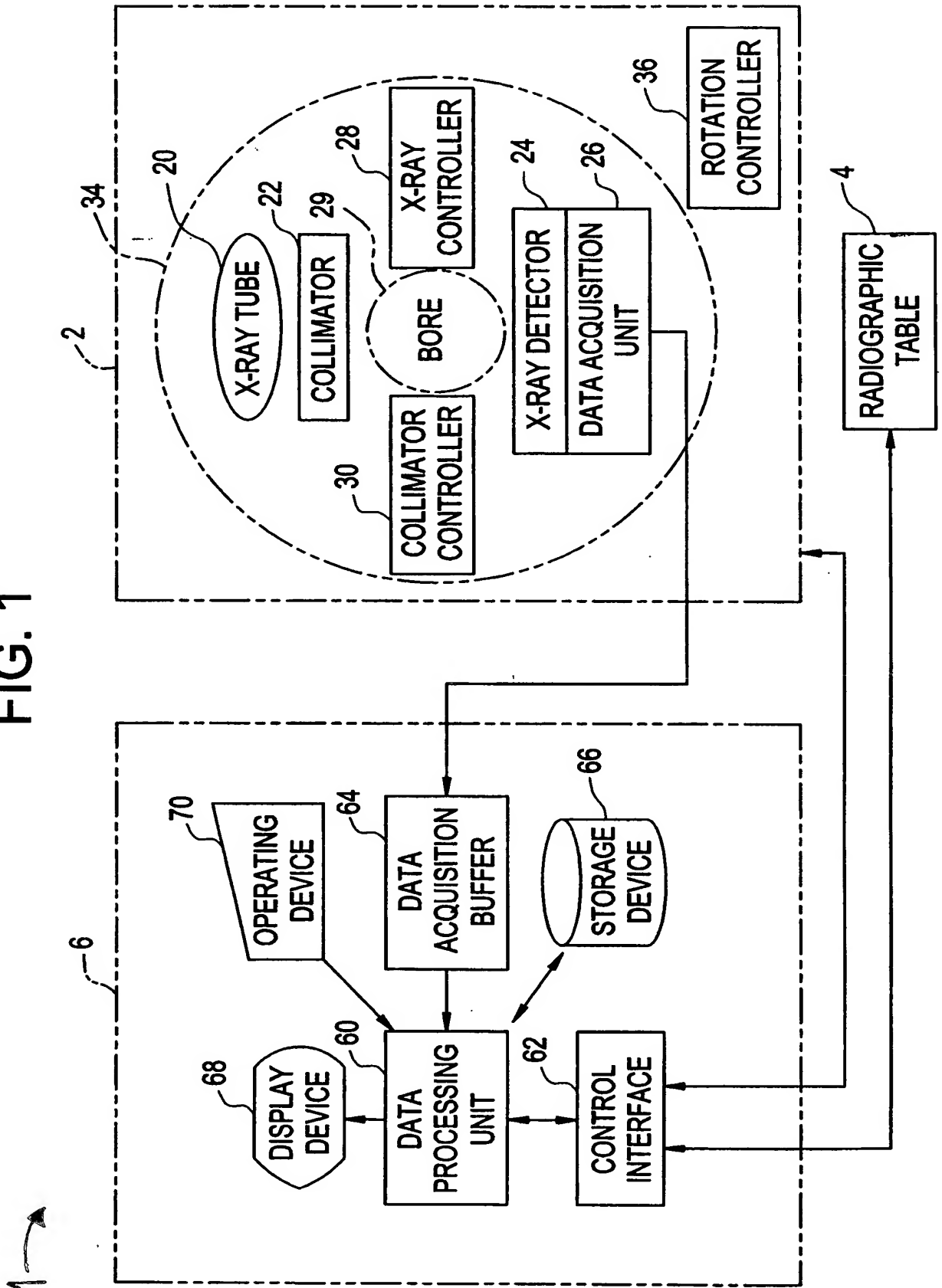
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IN THE DRAWINGS

Applicants respectfully request approval of the following drawing changes. Specifically, Figure 1 has been amended to include a reference numeral '1' and Figure 13 has been amended to change 'S(f)³' to 'S(j)³'. Applicants submit replacement drawing sheets incorporating the changes to Figures 1 and 13. Also submitted herewith are annotated Figures 1 and 13, reflecting the requested changes in red ink. No new matter has been added.

FIG. 1



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FIG. 13

